

the housing defined by the bore of the second member, in use, abutting the abutment face and entirely extending over the annular groove,

the annular groove being apart from and intermediate the abutment face and the distal end.

22. (new) A connector device, comprising:

a body portion; and

a stem portion, wherein,

the body portion comprises a through-bore dimensioned to receive a post,

a wall of the through-bore is provided with a screw threaded aperture to receive a screw for enabling the post to be secured axially within the through-bore upon tightening of the screw,

the stem portion is of a tubular form and has a major axis which extends perpendicular to a major axis of the body portion,

the axis of the stem portion is a major axis of a substantially cylindrical outer surface defined by the stem portion,

the substantially cylindrical outer surface of the stem portion comprises a recess in the form of a circumferentially extending groove, the major axis of the groove is coincident with the major axis of the stem portion,

the groove is curve shape in cross-section creating a curved annular depression in the substantially cylindrical outer surface defined by the stem portion,

the body portion provides an annular abutment face adjacent an inner end section of the stem portion, and

the groove is located apart from the annular abutment face.

23. (new) The connector device of claim 22, wherein the body portion and the stem portion are integrally formed as a single cast piece.

24. (new) The connector device of claim 22, wherein, the stem portion is of a hollow form with a cavity defined by the stem portion extending into communication with the through-bore of the body portion.

25. (new) The connector device of claim 22, wherein, a radial thickness of a wall of the stem portion at the annular groove is equal to a wall thickness at a distal end of the stem portion and at an inner end of the stem portion lying between the groove and the body portion.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 14 has been amended as follows:

14. (amended) A connector device according to claim 1, wherein the stem portion and body portion are integrally formed from cast or [moulded] molded material.